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Conservancy Contracts Agenda Action Items 7 & 8 January 17, 2013

BACKGROUND

A delegation of authority is needed for the Executive Officer to enter into contracts greater than the \$50,000 limit allowed by the board.

Agenda Item 7

Request for approval to enter into contracts to receive funds from the Department of Water Resources, and subsequently distribute funds to Sacramento County, in the amount of \$150,000, for the purpose of providing resources to support the five Delta counties in their efforts to assess impacts of the Bay Delta Conservation Plan.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve execution of the contract.

The Department of Water Resources requested that the Delta Conservancy distribute funding to the five Delta Counties to assist their efforts in assessing impacts of the BDCP on county specific resources. Funding originated from DWR and an interagency agreement was developed between DWR and the Delta Conservancy for \$150,000. The following is a summary of the Interagency Agreement Scope of Work and payments installments.

- 1) The Delta Conservancy distributes funds to five Delta Counties to perform an independent analysis of the Delta Habitat Conservation and Conveyance Program (DHCCP) water conveyance and conservation measure impacts on the five counties.
- 2) \$50,000 will be distributed in advance to begin the project.
- 3) The Delta Conservancy will submit a preliminary status report within 60 days after the execution of the contract. Funding for the next \$50,000 will be provided after receiving the status report.
- 4) A final Report to DWR is due no later than 30 days prior to the expiration of this agreement. The last \$50,000 funding will be provided after receiving the final report.

Currently an agreement with Sacramento County to receive these funds is being developed. The scope of work is consistent with the interagency agreement. The County of Sacramento will then distribute the funds equally to the other four counties.

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Agenda Item 8

Request approval to enter into contracts to receive funds from the S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation in the amount of \$250,000 and secure services from NewFields/Palantir, in the amount of \$225,000, for the purpose of conducting a proof of concept basin study.

Recommendation: Staff recommends that the Board approve execution of the contract.

The Delta Conservancy has been working with several contactors to develop innovative tools for resource management in the Delta. The S.D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation has agreed to provide a \$250,000 grant toward a pilot project to conduct a basin study of how climate change could affect water operations in the Central Valley and Delta. This is a parallel project to demonstrate the capability of the Palantir platform as a more efficient and effective, and more transparent means of doing the analysis.